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SUBJECT: PASSPORTS; OIL COMPANIES/SCHOOL IN DANGER?

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1. ROBERT WALDUM, SUPERINTENDENT OF OIL COMPANIES SCHOOL,
HAD A TWO HOUR POLITICAL

DISCUSSION WITH POLEMICIST

SULAYMAN SHU'AYB AUGUST 7.

2. WALDUM, WHO IS WELL ABLE TO SOLVE HIS LOCAL
PROBLEMS AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS TRIPOLI RESIDENCE, MADE
TWO TELLING POINTS. A) HE CITED QADHAFI'S PUBLISHED
STATEMENT OF MAY 27 CONCERNING LIBYAN ACCEPTANCE
AND RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT OF A COUNTRY TO HAVE ONLY
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ONE LANGUAGE, THEIR OWN, IN THEIR PASSPORTS.

WALDUM GAVE SHU'AYB ARABIC AND ENGLISH COPIES OF THE STATEMENT. B) HE ASKED IF CONTINUED HARASSMENT OF OIL INDUSTRY DEPENDENTS WOULD NOT TEND TO DRIVE FAMILIES TO SEEK RESIDENCE ELSEWHERE, OUTSIDE OF LIBYA.

3. SHU'AYB EVIDENTLY WAS NOT THAT FAMILIAR WITH QADHAFI'S STATEMENT AND EVINCED INTEREST IN THE WORKING OF THE TEXT. HE WAS ALSO "TAKEN ABACK" AT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXODUS OF OIL PERSONNEL FAMILIES AND WALDUM REPORTS THE NET REACTION WAS THAT SHU'AYB "PULLED IN HIS HORNS". AT THE CLOSE OF THIS BAZARRE SEANCE, SHU'AYB INFORMED WALDUM THE SITUATION NEEDED MORE CONSIDERATION AND HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH AGAIN BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1.

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